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In re Patent Application of:
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Application No.: Not Yet Assigned Group Art Unit:

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For: TIME AND ATTENDANCE SYSTEM WITH
VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYEE
IDENTITY AND GEOGRAPHICAL
LOCATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to initiation of prosecution of the above-identified application, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED SPECIFICATION PARAGRAPHS:

[0001] The present application claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application Nos. 60/277,152 filed March 19, 2001, and 60/307,949 filed July 26, 2001, the entire disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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geographical location. At step 1440, recording apparatus 10 transmits stored data records from local database 15 to remote computer system 30. At step 1460, remote computer system 30 transmits updated data and tables to local database 15. Communications between recording apparatus 10 and remote computer system 30 then are terminated at step 1480, and recording apparatus 10 returns to a ready state at step 1490 to continue recording and capturing clock-in and clock-out events. At step 1500, during periods in which no such events are occurring, recording apparatus 10 is powered down.

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REMARKS

This amendment is submitted prior to initiation of prosecution of this application. No new matter is added by this amendment.

The amendment corrects typographical errors in the specification.

Applicants respectfully request that this amendment be entered and that prosecution on the merits of this application be initiated. If there are any charges in connection with this amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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